

Twelve Talk

10.10.12

Issue 37

Meetings 2012-13

* 04.09.12
Entering and Notice of Motion

* 18.09.12
Business Meeting:
Nomination and Election of Office Bearers (Members Only); Ballot

* 02.10.12
Passing by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68

* 16.10.12
Entering

* 06.11.12
Entering

* 20.11.12
Annual Meeting and Installation of Office Bearers

* 04.12.12
Annual Divine Service

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April

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Tuesday 2nd October 2012

Passing by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68

What a great night we had on 2nd October. There was a good crowd in the Lodge even before the Deputation from 68 came in. 21 brethren from No XII had been joined by 14 visiting brethren led by RWM Bro Alex Johnstone of Lodge Greenock St John's No

175. RWM Bro Jim Livingstone of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425, and affiliate member of No XII, was at his customary place providing the musical accompaniment. We were delighted to welcome the brethren of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 to confer the Fellowcraft Degree. RWM Bro Ian McPherson led a magnificent deputation of 19 brethren and they proceeded to confer a most impressive

Annual Divine Service

The Annual Divine Service on Tuesday 4th December will be conducted by Rev. David Young in the Saloon of the Town Hall at 730 pm.

Financial Matters

Test Fees and Life Members' donations in lieu of Capitation Fees are now due for 2012-13. Test Fees are very reasonably set at £30 in No XII. We did really well in 2011-12 as we worked hard to maximise our income from members and aim to continue in the same way this session!

All fees and donations should be passed to Bro Iain White (Acting Treasurer) either at the Lodge or mailed to him at 23 Manor Crescent, Gourock PA19 1UZ.

Our next meeting

Tuesday 16th October

The brethren of No XII will confer an Entering when a new member to No XII will take his first masonic steps. The degree team is as follows: **Obligation** RWM Bro Bob Bain; **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Apron** Bro Alan Beck WSW; **North East Corner** Bro Paul Galbraith; **Working Tools** Bro Martin Anderson WJW; **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Charge** Bro Jim Adams

Lodge Diaries

Lodge Diaries are available for £4 from the Secretary or the Treasurer. Numbers are restricted so buy now to avoid disappointment. This could be the perfect Christmas present to roll back the years to happy days when mail was carried by the Post Office, the net was something used by fishermen, only spiders had webs and a tablet was something you took when you didn't feel 100% - and people kept diaries on paper!



Paul Galbraith on tour



Bro Paul was unable to be at our last meeting on 2nd October. Work had taken him to Aberdeen. Not being one to miss the opportunity to attend a meeting, on Wednesday 3rd October Paul attended Lodge Operative No 150. He tells me that he witnessed a rather different but excellent Raising. Fraternal greetings were exchanged and RWM Paul Goldie extended his good wishes to all at No XII. The attendance was around 150.

Paul may be seen on the extreme left of the back row in the photo

Deserved Honour for Bro James S Adams PM



At the regular Meeting on 2nd October, Bro James S Adams PM was awarded distinguished Service Membership by the Lodge. In making the presentation, RWM Bro Bob Bain talked about how Bro Jim has given faithful and conscientious service to No XII since he joined in 1978. Having been a Steward once, it is a role that he has never left behind him as he still makes the tea at all our meetings. Indeed, Bro Bob said that when Jim had to work, and missed a meeting once, confusion reigned and nobody knew what to do! He has served the Lodge as a Deacon for a number of years, is a regular supporter of the Lodge on visits and often works on the floor. Known by his fellow Past Masters as 'The Memory Man', Jim has an uncanny recollection for names, faces and ritual. Jim's honour was indeed well deserved and the applause he received indicated the esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

Bros JP Livingstone RWM 1425 Ian McPherson RWM 68 James Adams PM
RJ Bain RWM Alex Johnstone RWM 175

Bro Henry S Tibbles PM



2012 is the year of the Jubilees. In No XII we have already celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with the special meeting in June. We have another one up and coming. Our esteemed Past Master, Bro Henry S Tibbles, joined No XII on 10th November 1942 whilst he was based here on active service with the Royal Navy. Henry's home was in Kent. So Henry celebrates his 70 years in No XII in a couple of months. This will be his Platinum Jubilee. It is a wonderful record and Henry has packed in a great deal of Freemasonry over these years. Of course he is a Past Worshipful Master of Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC), to which he affiliated whilst working in the South, as well as having been Right Worshipful Master in No XII.

We plan to have a celebration for Henry at our meeting on 4th December so put this date in your diary please to help us give Henry the evening which his contribution to the Craft deserves.

Visits – Some Diary Dates

Saturday 13 th October 2012 at 2 pm	Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626	Annual Installation
Saturday 26 th October 2012 at 2 pm	Lodge Greenock St John's No 175	Annual Installation
Friday 2 nd November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121	Annual Installation
Friday 16 th November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Sir Michael No 989	Annual Installation
Friday 30 th November 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217	Annual Installation
Friday 23 rd November 2012 at 730 pm	Lodge Greenock St John's No 175	XII conferring 2 nd
Friday 7 th December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425	Annual Installation
Saturday 8 th December 2012 at 2 pm	Lodge Rothesay St John No 292	Annual Installation
Friday 14 th December 2012 at 645 pm	Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68	Annual Installation
Friday 14 th December 2012 at 630 pm	Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683	Annual Installation
Thursday 14 th March 2013 at 730 pm	Lodge Shalom No 1600	XII conferring 2 nd

Reports on Visits

The RWM, Office Bearers and brethren of No XII continue to do a power of work visiting sister Lodges.

- RWPGM Dinner on 19th September 2012 at Greenock Golf Club – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain and RWM Elect WSW Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Fleet Wood No 4556 (EC) on 20th September 2012 at Freemasons Hall in London (Exemplification of the 1st Degree Entering by Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Hector Macphail, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall and Bro Allan Glen)
- Lodge St Andrew No 524 on 25th September 2012 (1st Degree Exemplification by Lodge St Serf No 327) – attended by WSW Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan Glen and Bro Paul Galbraith
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 27th September 2012 (Passing by Lodge Strathendrick 780) – attended by attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain and WSW Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge St John's Greenock No 175 on 28th September 2012 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Alan Beck, Chaplain Bro William Lothian and Bro Eddie McGill

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

A little from the History of No XII

The Second World War began on 3rd September 1939. The following extracts from the minutes show the effect that the War had on No XII in the early months.

Meeting on Tuesday 5th September 1939

RWM Bro William W Buchanan in the Chair

Brethren on National Service Duty

The RW Master referred to the absence of Office Bearers and members on National Service duties and the effect this would have on our meeting less frequently.

(War had been declared on Germany two days before on 3rd September).

Meeting on Tuesday 7th November 1939

RWM Bro William W Buchanan in the Chair

Meeting of the General Committee in The Saloon of the Town Hall Greenock

Lodge meetings in the present crisis

A letter of 7th September was read from Grand Lodge regarding the advisability or otherwise of continuing Lodge Meetings in the present crisis. It states that when Lodges are requisitioned for National Service purposes, alternative

accommodation, if possible, is to be found and Dispensations for changes of Meeting place, or the cancelling of Meetings, will be given. Where Lodges are able to continue their meetings it is suggested that they may keep in touch with “visiting brethren” who may be billeted in their vicinity.

Providing of cigarettes or other comforts to the brethren of the Lodge on active service

A suggestion made by Bro McIntyre at the last Lodge Meeting regarding the providing of cigarettes or other comforts to the brethren of the Lodge on active service was submitted, and on the motion of Bro McIntyre, it was agreed to hold over consideration to a future date.

Use of the Lodge crockery in an emergency

Authority was given by the Committee to give the use of Lodge crockery should an emergency arise when the Saloon would be used for the entertainment of HM forces. In the event of any damage done, it is understood that it will be made good.

Burns Supper 2013

Bros Iain White and Alan Beck will meet with Paul Galbraith soon to begin to formalise the arrangements for the **No XII Burns Supper** which will be held in the Greenock Town Hall on **Saturday 9th February 2013**. The 2012 event was terrific. The aim is to make the 2013 affair bigger and better! It will be held in aid of the 2012-13 Charity Drive.

Already we have been promised sponsorship by Tony Buckley, the Town Hall caterer, and he has taken the first table for 10. That means there are only 18 tables left! Get your table reserved for Inverclyde's biggest Burns Supper by calling Allan Beck on 07739514242 or Iain White on 07575752570.

Watch future editions of XII Talk for more details...

Iain White PM